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"I am writing to provide comments to the FCC on the E-Rate NPRM. E-Rate has been very important to West Oak Lane Charter School (WOLCS) because it has helped our students and teachers gain access to a wealth of online resources, communicate, collaborate, and develop technology skills necessary for success in their future endeavors.

At WOLCS, we use online digital learning tools such as Discovery Education, PD360, blogs and web-based applications both as professional development tools for Teachers and learning resources for students. The students are more engaged in learning when they have access to these online tools especially those with visual content. The fact that WOLCS successfully achieved AYP every year between 2008 and 2012 and a majority of our graduating 8th Graders have gone on to the high schools of their choice is evidence that the technology enriched curriculum has supported our students' success.

However, E-Rate funding levels have not kept pace with our School's future bandwidth needs. I urge the FCC to raise the E-Rate funding level to at least \$5 billion per year, which is close to the average demand level for each of the past two years."